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SENATOR STROMER: I think it is in your bill. There has been no change. No change as far as I'm aware.

SENATOR ANDERSON: One thing I would like to point out again. And this is that I think all the members of the body should be aware of the true cost of this bill. When they're voting on it. I have in front me a statement that was worked up by the fiscal analysts office in response to our inquiry to this thing last year. And just in quick rough terms the total cost to the state of Nebraska comes from two components. One is the additional dollar per drivers license is going to be over three hundred thousand dollars. And then another because of the way that the distribution of the drivers license funds is worked out, another component of this cost has to be taken in to account is that there would be a hundred..this is working on the basis of the three hundred and twenty-one thousand drivers licenses per year. There would be a hundred and forty one thousand approximate dollars less income to the state general fund which have to be replaced by increases in general fund tax collections which normally had been coming from the drivers licenses under the current set-up. So I think that you should be aware of the fact that the total cost of this bill is going to be in excess of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. It seems to me that if this is to help the merchants out, and I certainly wish to help them if they need help that the index fingerprint would not do what a picture would do. Therefore, I feel that we should vote against this amendment and accept the bill as it was to begin with. Now I have lived in this state where I had to buy a picture and have it on my drivers license, and I was very pleased that this was the case. Because many times as a consumer, as a person who wished to buy something on time, I wish to be able to get credit. And I felt that certain merchants were will to give me credit simply because my picture was on my drivers license. People who would not have otherwise done so. And so I favor this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, and then Senator Snyder. We really are still speaking on the Waldron amendment. If you could try to confine your remarks to that amendment.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I wonder if Senator Stromer would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stromer would you yield to a question.

SENATOR MARESH: At the present time we have the Social Security Number on their driver licenses and have they noticed any drop in the number of violations of using somebody elses license. Wouldn't this might be a federal offense to use somebody elses Social Security Number?

SENATOR STROMER: Senator Maresh, I'm not sure if there have even been studies or checks done in this area. I'm not aware of any.